(c) If so, the steps taken to boost the production and export of silk yarn?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The total production of silk yarn in Maharashtra during the last two years is as under:-

I. Mulberry Raw Silk (in M. Tonnes)

Year	Quantity
1995-96	14
1996-97	12

II. Tasar Raw Silk (in Tonnes)

Year	Quantity
1995-96	1
1996-97	1

(b) and (c) Silk yarn export from India were negligible in 1995-96, 1996-97. The value of silk yarn exported was only Rs. 0.44 crores and Rs. 0.54 crores against the total export for Rs. 846 crores and Rs. 880 crores respectively. Most of the silk yarn exports are of yarn made from silk wastes and no mill is producing such yarn has been set up in the State of Maharashtra.

[English]

Law Ministers' Conference

521. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE:

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of State Law Ministers was recently held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the agenda discussed and major decisions taken thereat;

(c) the details of time bound action plan finalised for 1997-98; and

(d) the status of various legal reform process initiated in the recent past and suggestions/proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra along with the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the agenda of the Law Ministers' Conference is attached as statement. The major decision taken in the meeting are:

1. To amend the Code of Criminal Procedure broadly on the lines of recommendations made by the Law Commission in its 154th Report;

2. To amend the Code of Civil Procedure to avoid delay in completing procedural requirements and to promote alternative dispute resolution mechanisms;

3. To launch State-wise drive for one year with effect from 15 August, 1997 for holding Lok Adalats on quarterly basis to help reduce pendency of cases;

4. To restore position with regrard to appointment of Judges as it existed prior to 1993 Supreme Courts's decision in the case of Advocates on Record Association Vs. Union of India;

5. To take up review/repeal of obsolete laws on priority basis;

6. Making available legal information like Central enactments and decided cases on internet for easy accessibility; and

7. To amend Advocates Act, 1961 & Notaries Act, 1952.

(c) A time bound programme for one year commencing from 15 August, 1997 for holding Lok Adalats on quarterly basis in all States/Union Territories to help reduce pendency of cases has been drawn up.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Agenda of the Law Ministers Conference 1997

1. Amendments to the Cr. P.C.

2. Amendments to the C.P.C.

3. Reduction of arrears in courts; All India Judicial Service; and Appointment of Judges.

4. Alternative Dispute Resolution; NALSA, Lok Adalats; Delimitation of Constituencies; Advocates Act; Notaries Act; and Related Issues.

5. Repeal/Review of obsolete laws; Plain language in legal drafting; etc. Computerisation of legal information.

Lose Suffered by Indian Bank

522. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss suffered by the Indian Bank during 1995-96 & 1996-97;

(b) whether the Government/RBI have taken or propose to take any steps for improving the performance of the bank; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Indian Bank has reported a net loss of Rs. 1336.40 crores during the year 1995-96 (year ended 31.3.96). The bank is yet to finalise its accounts for the year ended 31.3.97.